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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in all locations. Trade sentiment was steady with some caution noted. Demand ranged light to occasionally good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient to adequate for the at least moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady with caution noted for later in the week. Retail egg sales were light to mostly moderate. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were quiet for the light demand. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83	LARGE	58-67
LARGE	76-85	78-87	MEDIUM	29-35
MEDIUM	47-56	49-52	SMALL	18-22

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Post-holiday trade sentiment was at best steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to fully adequate for normal to at times reduced schedules. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for the at least moderate demand.

RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	86-100	86-89
LARGE	80-94	85-89
MEDIUM	53-66	58-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady with some caution noted for later in the week. Cartoned egg sales were light to mostly moderate. Food service movement was light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to available for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings quiet. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88.5-97	90-93
LARGE	86.5-95	88-91
MEDIUM	54.5-63	56-59

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were generally unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady beginning the week. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were about sufficient to adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84.25-95	89-92
LARGE	83.75-93	87-90
MEDIUM	55.5-63	56-60

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	94-98
LARGE	92-96
MEDIUM	65-69

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-92	85-87
LARGE	82-90	83-85
MEDIUM	53-61	54-56

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 21% higher than last week with California up 21% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 22%. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 21% higher than last week. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 75.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	134
EXTRA LARGE	130
LARGE	123
MEDIUM	95

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	Not
LARGE	199-249	LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	189-219	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 06, 2006 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 30, 2005 were 268,098 cases which was 28 percent below the prior week and 20 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	230,015	38,083	268,098
% change from the prior week.....	-29	-21	-28

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was light with offerings quiet as market participants take a wait and see approach to the market. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25	21-23
BREAKING STOCK	34-37	

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand for spent hens was fair with offerings fully adequate for needs. Schedules were reduced at most plants. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
02-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.20

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate at best for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were fair to instances fairly good. The undertone steady to at least steady.

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02-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.08
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JANUARY 03, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	14.8	8.0	15.9	55.9
	Change	0.6	2.1	0.9	2.5	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.4	55.1	16.2	23.2	150.4
	Change	2.2	13.8	6.0	1.8	26%
Large	Curr Wk	27.9	126.2	67.0	82.8	401.9
	Change	-1.4	12.2	9.5	-2.2	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.4	65.4	10.2	18.7	139.8
	Change	0.3	6.2	-3.0	3.3	8%
Small	Curr Wk	6.1	14.0	0.7	1.8	27.8
	Change	1.9	2.0	0.0	-2.1	21%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.2	33.3	11.3	13.6	66.7
	Change	0.0	2.9	0.5	0.7	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.5	49.8	28.2	27.8	150.7
	Change	5.6	10.9	0.8	0.1	17%
Total	Curr Wk	95.3	358.6	141.6	183.8	993.2
Percent	Change	11%	16%	12%	2%	13%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	993.2	13%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	225.3	12%	35
Total Shell Egg	1218.5	13%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

This report is not available, it will be released as soon as possible.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 30, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 13.00								FUTURE LOADS 4.00		TOTAL LOADS 17.00						
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	64.50	—	—	66.00	60.00	—	2.00	GL W J	—	74.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	30.00	24.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	61.50	—	—	—	67.00	3.00	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	1.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	
GL W XL	—	82.00	77.00	66.33	52.50	57.50	10.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75	
GL W LG	—	—	72.00	74.00	—	—	1.00									
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50									
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50									
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/26/05-12/30/05

CURRENT LOADS 77.75								FUTURE LOADS 43.25		TOTAL LOADS 121.00						
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	64.50	—	66.50	69.25	59.67	60.63	28.00	GNR W 1	—	75.00	—	—	—	82.75	4.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	30.00	24.00	—	1.00	GL W J	—	74.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	87.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	59.00	61.50	—	—	—	73.78	11.00	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	77.67	77.22	—	86.67	—	75.84	26.25	
GL W XL	—	82.00	76.50	79.03	57.04	57.50	38.50	GL W MD	37.75	40.50	38.00	—	—	43.00	5.00	
GL W LG	—	80.23	72.00	75.67	61.08	72.55	27.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	
GL W MD	46.73	47.00	46.50	48.48	38.75	39.20	18.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	102.75	—	—	1.75	
GL W SM	38.00	39.00	—	—	27.00	32.50	2.50									
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50									
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.75									
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00	36.00	—	37.00	21.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/26/05	12/19/05	12/27/04
PACIFIC COAST	105	112	412
LOS ANGELES	100	107	322

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair to fairly good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	103.86
LARGE	103.86
MEDIUM	73.86
SMALL	58.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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